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1. JANUARY 22 ISSUE OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC-CONTROLLED "ERCILLA" NEWSMAGAZINE CONTAINED SHORT ARTICLE ON SUPREME COURT'S REJECTION OF PDC PRESIDENT PATRICIO AYLWIN'S FINAL APPEAL ON FUENTEALBA EXPULSION CASE. ARTICLE SUMMARIZED HIGHLIGHTS OF AYLWIN'S APPEAL, INCLUDING HIS CRITICISM OF SUPREME COURT AND JUNTA ("ARBITRARINESS" OF THE EXPULSION, AND UNCONSTITUTIONALITY OF DECREE LAW (81) UNDER WHICH FUENTEALBA WAS EXPELLED).

2. COMMENT. AS FAR AS WE HAVE SEEN, NO OTHER PUBLICATION HAS REPORTED ON THE AYLWIN APPEAL. "ERCILLA" ARTICLE IS A DIRECT CHALLENGE TO GOVT, WHICH CAN IGNORE IT AS IT HAS IGNORED WHOLE MATTER SO FAR, OR TAKE SOME ACTION AGAINST MAGAZINE OR AYLWIN. IN VIEW OF GOC ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE ITS WORLD IMAGE, ARTICLE MOST LIKELY WILL BE IGNORED OR DOWNPLAYED.
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